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Solar Energy Pumping System
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the financial outlay for the Sub Mission on Agriculture Mechanization (SMAM) programme for the Solar Energy Pumping Systems during the 12th Plan period;

(b) the details of Solar Energy Pumping Systems sanctioned to farmers for irrigation under the SMAM in the country, State/ UT-wise during the 12th Plan period;

(c) the status of demand and supply of Solar Energy Pumping System in the country, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to give a higher outlay under the SMAM for the Solar Energy Pumping System programme during the remaining years of the 12th Plan period; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) to (e): In order to lay special emphasis on farm mechanization and to bring more inclusiveness, a Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) has been launched w.e.f. 2014-15 with an estimated outlay of Rs. 2000 crore for the 12thPlan period. Solar energy pumping systems have been added on 9th July, 2015 for financial assistance under SMAM and for this activity Rs. 1.0 crore have been allocated for each state during 2015-16. So far no funds have been released to the State Governments/UTs under SMAM for providing solar energy pumping systemsto farmers for irrigation purpose. The financial requirements for solar energy pumping system will be met from within the estimated outlay of the SMAM for the 12th Plan period. As per the report received from the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), the status of Solar Energy Pumping System sanctioned and installed in the country, State-wise is given in Annexure.